

Appln No. 10/817,297
Amdt date May 26, 2006
Reply to Office action of January 26, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 and 29 now remain pending in this application. Applicant has canceled claims 26-28 without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of those claims in a continuing application. Applicant has also added new claim 29. The new claim finds full support in the original specification, claims and drawings. No new matter is presented. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a timely indication of allowance.

In the Office action dated January 26, 2006, the examiner requested that applicant furnish a drawing consistent with the subject matter of claim 26. However, applicant has canceled claim 26 and therefore submits that no such drawing is necessary. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

The examiner also rejected claims 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Wachman, et al., "Imaging acousto-optic tunable filter with 0.35-micrometer spatial resolution," Applied Optics, vol. 35, no. 25, pp. 5220-5226, September 1996, in view of Wokosin, et al., "All-Solid-State Ultrafast Lasers Facilitate Multiphoton Excitation Fluorescence Imaging," IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Quantum Electronics, vol. 2, no. 4, pp. 1051-1065, December 1996. However, applicant has canceled claims 26-28 thereby obviating this rejection.

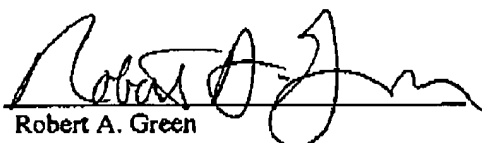
Finally, the examiner indicated that claims 1-25 are allowable. These claims remain in their allowable form and therefore remain allowable. Applicant has added new claim 29, which depends from allowable claim 14. New claim 29 is therefore also allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that all of pending claims 1-25 and 29 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a

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timely indication of allowance. However, if there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, applicant invites the examiner to contact applicant's counsel at the number below.

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